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SUBJECT: JULY 10 EA PRESS SUMMARY

1. INDOCHINA

WASHINGTON OFFICIALS SAY US BEGAN NEGOTIATIONS WITH UNIDENTIFIED FOREIGN COUNTRY TO REPRESENT ITS INTERESTS IN SVN (CSM).

LAOTIAN ROYAL FAMILY PLANS MONTH-LONG VISIT TO PARIS, MOSCOW IN AUG (UPI, PHINQ; WP). US, 4 OTHER COUNTRIES AGREE CONTINUE 16 MILLION DOL FUND TO BACK KIP. ACTION TAKEN AS SIGN REDUCED TENSION FOLLOWING RECENT GOVT UNCLASSIFIED

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SHIFT TO LEFT (WP).

2. INDOCHISE REFUGEES

VECSEY (NYT) TELLS OF 15 VIET EXCHANGE STUDENTS UNDER AUSPICES AMERICAN FIELD SERVICE STRANDED IN US. ONLY 1 WANTS RETURN TO SVN. OTHERS FACE UNCERTAIN FUTURE. PRESS (CSM 7/8) WRITES OF VIET FAMILY IN CHICAGO THAT FACES UP TO PROBLEMS OF LIFE IN US, INCLUDING LANGUAGE, SHOPPING, FINDING WORK.

3. JAPAN

WP CITES REPORTS GOJ HAS SELECTED DEP FM FUMIHIKO TOGO AS NEXT AMB TO US; AMB YASUKAWA EXPECTED RETIRE FOLLOWING EMPEROR'S OCTOBER VISIT TO US.

OBEDORFER (WP) CITES KYODO REPORT THAT DIP SOURCES SAY PEKING DISSATISFIED BUT UNLIKELY TAKE DRASTIC ACTION AGAINST PRIVATE AGREEMENT SIGNED WEDNESDAY TO RESTORE JAPAN-TAIWAN AIR TIES. NOTES JAL CANNOT SERVE ROUTE BUT PROPOSES CREATE WHOLLY-OWNED SUBSIDIARY TO DO SO; SEVERAL OTHER JAPANESE AIRLINES COMPETE FOR SAME PRIVILEGE. CULLISON (JOC) SAYS JAPAN INTENDS SCHULE FLIGHTS, WHEN RESUMED, TO AVOID CONVERGENCE OF CAL, CAC AIRCRAFT AT TOKYO INTL AIRPORT. CITES MIN TRANS KIMURA THAT IT UNCERTAIN WHEN JAPAN-TAIWAN SERVICE TO BE RESUMED.

CULLISON ALSO NOTES PRC DELEGATION SEEMS BE DRIVING HARD BARGAIN IN FERTILIZER TALKS THAT BEGAN TOKYO JULY 1, REFLECTING CURRENT BEAR MARKET. SAYS CHINA TAKES ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF JAPAN'S ANNUAL FERTILIZER OUTPUT.

MOVIE CRITIC DESMOND RYAN (PHINQ) PANS "HIGHLY DERIVATIVE" JAPANESE DISASTER FILM -- "TIDAL WAVE." SAYS MIGHT RANK AS "ONE OF THE GREATEST SCREEN COMEDIES OF THE YEAR" WERE IT NOT FOR GRUESOME DEPICTION OF DEATH OF MILLIONS.

4. THAILAND

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AMCIT MANAGER PARK HOTEL IN BANGKOK SHOT BY THAI YOUTH IN NIGHTCLUB, DIED ON WAY HOSPITAL. KILLER ESCAPED (AP, NYDN).

5. HONG KONG

MAY'S DOMESTIC EXPORTS FELL 21-PCT, WITH IMPORTS DOWN 22.7-PCT, RE-EXPORTS ALSO OFF 19-PCT FROM SAME MONTH LAST YEAR. FOR JAN-MAY PERIOD, EXPORTS DECLINED 15.6-PCT, IMPORTS DOWN 17-PCT AND RE-EXPORTS OFF 13.8-PCT COMPARED TO SAME PERIOD LAST YEAR. YR'S RESULTS (JUNE 74-MAY 75) SHOW DOMESTIC EXPORTS OFF 4-PCT, IMPORTS DOWN 6.2 PCT AND RE-EXPORTS DECLINED

12 PCT FROM PREVIOUS YEAR (JOC).

6. MACAO

MIL OFFICERS TRY, FAIL STAGE "SMALL" COUNTER-COUP TO OUST TERRITORY'S MIL COMMANDER, POLICE CHIEF, 3 OTHER SENIOR PORTUGUESE OFFICERS. NO DETAILS GIVEN ON HOW PLOT FOILED, HOW MANY ARRESTED (REUTER, SUN).

7. KOREA

ROK ASSEMBLY ENACTED THREE CONTROVERSIAL "WARTIME SECURITY" BILLS IN PRE-DAWN SESSION WEDNESDAY. PROVIDE FOR CIVIL DEFENSE CORPS OF MALES BETWEEN 17 AND 50 YEARS OLD; "DEFENSE TAX" TO COLLECT ADDITIONAL 400 MILLION DOLS ANNUALLY TO AUGMENT DEFENSE BUDGET; AND GOVT SURVEILLANCE, POSSIBLE INTERNMENT OF ANYONE ONCE CONVICTED OF VIOLATING ANTI-COMMUNIST, NATL SECURITY OR OTHER SECURITY-RELATED LAWS (AP, NYT). HOURS LATER SK CALLED ON NK RESUME TALKS BROKEN OFF 1973; SUGGESTED DELEGATES MEET "UNCONDITIONALLY" IN PYONGYANG BEFORE AUG 15 (PHINQ).

8. CHINA

THAI PM KUKRIT, RETURNING FROM PEKING, SAYS MAO STILL UNCLASSIFIED

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THINKS WELL OF FORMER PRES NIXON, ASKING KUKRIT TELL NIXON "I STILL THINK OF HIM." MAO BELIEVES WATERGATE SCANDAL RESULTED FROM "TOO MUCH FREEDOM OF POLITICAL EXPRESSION IN THE US," ADDING "MOST PEOPLE IN AMERICA LOVE PLAYING WITH TAPE RECORDERS" (AP WP, SUN, NYDN, NYT). WP, NYT ALSO REPORT MAO'S ADVICE ON HOW HANDLE THAI INSURGENTS: DON'T WAGE PROPAGANDA CAMPAIGNS; DON'T FIGHT THEM; DON'T KILL THEM.

AGRICULTURAL SOURCES SAY NO INDICATION YET PRC WILL PURCHASE US GRAIN THIS YR, POINTING OUT CHINESE ASKING AUSTRALIA, CANADA DELAY DELIVERY EXISTING GRAIN ORDERS. (JOC).

9. AUSTRALIA

REVELATIONS ABOUT ABORTIVE ATTEMPTS RAISE UP TO 4 BILLION IN PETRODOLS FROM ME PLUNGED LABOR GOVT INTO DEEPEST CRISIS OF TROUBLED 2-1/2 YR REIGN. SOME BELEIVE SITUATION PLAYS INT8 OPPOSITION HANDS, COULD OPEN WAY TO PM SHIP-FOR MALCOLM FRASER. ATTEMPT RAISE LARGE SUM THROUGH OBSCURE INTERMEDIARIES WITHOUT CLEAR IDEA FOR USE LEFT GOVT WITH TAINT OF AMATEURISM,

IF NOT CHICANERY (TOOHEY, CSM 7/8). GOA SENATE VOTES
INVESTIGATE FUND-RAISING OPNS IF WHITLAM CONTINUES
BAR JUDICIAL INQUIRY (WSJ).

WHITLAM TELLS EMERGENCY SESSION PARLIAMENT THAT GOVT
SOUGHT 4 BILLION DOL LOAN FROM UNOFFICIAL ARAB
SOURCES PARTLY TO NATIONALIZE, DEVELOP COUNTRY'S
VAST ENERGY RESOURCES. ADDS EFFORT SO FAR UNSUCCESSFUL,
BUT GOVT WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS RAISE FUNDS TO FINANCE
URANIUM-ENRICHMENT PLANT, TRANSCONTINENTAL GAS PIPELINE,
PLANT TO TURN COAL INTO OIL, TANKER FLEET, AND TO
MODERNIZE RRS. OPPOSITION LEADER FRASER DENOUNCES
EFFORTS AS "FUMBLING BUMBLING" WITH IMPLICATIONS DECEIT,
CONSPIRACY TO DEFRAUD (UPI NYT, JOC).

GOA, USSR DISCUSS POSSIBILITY AGREEMENT ON AGRIC
COOPERATION FOLLOWING OFFICIAL VISIT TO RUSSIA
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BY AUSSIE AGRIC MINISTER. COOPERATION ENVISAGED
THROUGH EXCHANGE SPECIALISTS, INFO, MATERIALS (JOC).

AUSSIE TV PROGRAMS DRAW INCREASINGLY SHARP CRITICISM
FOR SALACIOUS CONTENT AS LOCAL PRODUCTION REPLACES
MORE US PROGRAMS (VICKERS, CSM).

COMMENT AND ANALYSIS

10. INDOCHINA

DENVER POST (7/2) FINDS DISMAL AID SAGA IN LAOS
ENDING, THOUGH COMMUNIST GOVT STILL WANTS MORE
ASSISTANCE. BELIEVES OUR REPLY SHOULD BE "NO WAY,"
RECOMMENDS PEOPLE RISE UP IN WRATH IF CONGRESS
WANTS TO RESUME AID.

BALTO N-A (7/9) CARRIES EDITORIAL CARTOON DEPICTING
TINY GRAVE MARKED "MY LAI VICTIMS" NEXT TO ENORMOUS
GRAVE INSCRIBED "COMMUNIST ATROCITIES IN INDOCHINA."

11. CHINA

CSM'S SAIKOWSKI (7/8) SAYS FACE PRC TURNS TOWARD VISITORS
ONE OF SELFCONFIDENCE, NORMALCY; HAS DETERMINATION INDUS-
TRIALIZE, OBTAIN GOOD RELATIONS WITH WEST IN ORDER
KEEP RUSSIANS "AT BAY", OBTAIN FOREIGN TECHNOLOGY.
ECHOES OTHER EDITORS' IMPRESSIONS THAT VISITORS SHOWN
LITTLE BEYOND "ORCHESTRATED SURFACE" DISPLAYED FOR
THEM.

TODAY SAIKOWSKI POINTS OUT PRC'S INDUSTRIALPUSH

RESULTS IN STARK CONTRASTS: FULLY-AUTOMATED LINES EXIST, BUT MANUFACTURING PROCESSES STILL LABOR-INTENSIVE; MODERN TRANSPORTATION MODES IMPROVING, BUT ANIMALS, HUMAN MUSCLE STILL CHIEF TRANSPORT MEANS; TRACTORS DOT COUNTRYSIDE, BUT STILL MILLIONS OF PEASANTS PRODUCING FOOD.

JURNEY (PHINQ) STATES PRC LEADERSHIP EDUCATES YOUTH TO BE FACTORY WORKERS, FARMERS, ENGINEERS--NOT HISTORIANS
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OR LITERARY CRITICS. ALL STUDY DIRECTED TOWARD SOCIAL REVOLUTION, WITH LESS TIME SPENT DOING FORMAL STUDY, MORE TIME IN FACTORIES, COMMUNES. NOTES SYSTEM IS SUCH THAT IF PRC LEADERSHIP DECIDES IN 10 YRS THERE IS NEED FOR THINKERS OR ADVANCED SCIENTISTS, "THERE IS EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT THAT IS WHAT THEY WILL BEGIN PRODUCING."

O'NEILL (NYDN) REMARKS OLDER CHINESE PEASANTS, REMEMBERING BITTER PAST, HAPPY WITH NEW ORDER; ONE WOMAN, WHO LIVED THROUGH GREAT FAMINE CONSIDERS LIFE NOW SOMEWHAT LUXURIOUS, STATING, "HOW COULD I NOT WORK TO BUILD SOCIALISM?" O'NEILL SENSES "CAPITALISTIC TINGE" INVOLVING WORK INCENTIVES ON COMMUNES; WONDERES WHETHER PRC'S YOUNGER GENERATION WILL BE EQUALLY SATISFIED WITH LIFE IN FUTURE YRS.

WU (SUN) COMMENTS "SINFUL SHANGHAI" NOW PURITANICAL UNDER COMMUNIST RULE: PROSTITUTION, DRUG TRAFFIC, GAMBLING ALL EFFECTIVELY BANNED. NOTES LEGENDARY SHANGHAI NIGHTLIFE NOW COMPLETELY GONE; INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, HOUSING MAKING GREAT STRIDES. OLDER CITIZENS RECALL EXTREME HARDSHIPS OF PAST YRS, MUCH HAPPIER SINCE COMMUNISTS TOOK POWER.

GLOBE'S WINSHIP WITNESSES ACUPUNCTURE, INTERVIEWS PATIENT 3 MINUTES AFTER OPERATION IN WHICH THYROID TUMOR REMOVED. REPORTS ASNE MEMBERS "DAZZLED" BY DEMONSTRATIONS IN SPITE OF ACUPUNCTURE SHORTCOMINGS ADMITTED BY DOCTORS.

12. KOREA

CSM'S SOUTHERLAND INTERVIEWS OPPOSITION LEADER KIM YOUNG SAM IN SEOUL. KIM SAID WILL REMAIN SILENT "UNTIL THIS TYPHOON OF FEELING OVER NATIONAL SECURITY SUBSIDES." KIM CONFIDENT ROK CAN DEFEND SELF, WITH 600,000 SK, 42,000 US TROOPS; DOUBTS CHINA, SOVIET

WOULD SUPPORT NK ATTACK ON SK. KIM NOTED SKOREANS CONSCIOUS OF POST-VN SECURITY THREAT AND MUTE

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CRITICISM NOW, BUT RETAIN FIRM DESIRE RESTORE
DEMOCRACY. ADDED PARK USING SITUATION TO OWN ADVANTAGE.
(7/8).

SOUTHERLAND ALSO DESCRIBES TRIAL OF FOUR PROTESTANT
MINISTERS ON EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGES. CITES CONVICTION
OF THEIR SUPPORTERS, INDEPENDENT OBSERVERS ONLY
CRIME WAS WORK AMONG URBAN POOR, APPEAL FOR
RESTORATION OF DEMOCRACY (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

DETROIT NEWS EDIT (7/2) DEPLORES "DIRTY BRAWL"
IN WHICH NKOREANS BEAT USA MAJOR AT PANMUNJON. SEES
AS "ALARMING INDICATION" NK CREATING TENSION.
BELIEVES PHOTOS CLEARLY SHOW UP NK COMMUNISTS FOR
WHAT THEY ARE -- "DISREPUTABLE, DESPICABLE DELEGATION."

TERHORST (CHITRIB 7/9) STATES QUIET BUT DELIBERATE
UPGRADING OF US NUCLEAR FIRST STRIKE CAPABILITY
BY PRES FORD AMOUNTS TO PSYCHOLOGICAL REVIVAL OF
"MASSIVE RETALIATION." REPRESENTS CLEAN BREAK FROM
LONG-TIME CONFIDANT MEL LAIRD WHO DECLARED IN 1970
US HAD NO INTEREST IN NUCLEAR WEAPONS SYSTEMS WITH
FIRST STRIKE POTENTIAL.

13. INDONESIA

EVANS/NOVAK IN JAKARTA (WP) FIND ISLAND GIANT OF SEA
SHAKEN BY COMMUNIST TAKEOVER OF INDOCHINA, LOOKING
WITH "DOUBT AND APPREHENSION" FOR WASHINGTON TO
MAINTAIN POWER BALANCE IN REGION. NOTES INDONESIA
SHARES EA AMBIVALENCE OVER US DECLINE -- PUBLIC
ACCOMODATION TO NEWLY DOMINANT COMMUNIST POWER
ACCOMPANIED BY PRIVATE PLEAS FOR CONTINUED US
MILITARY PRESENCE IN WPAC (USIA WIRELESS FILE).

14. PACIFIC ISLANDS

PROF JAMES GOULD (SCRIPPS COLLEGE) LETTER TO CSM
DEPLORES MARIANAS PLEBISCITE AS EXAMPLE OF OLDEST
FORM OF IMPERIALISM -- DIVIDE AND CONQUER. HOPES
US PEOPLE, UN REJECT "THIS LAND GRAB."
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